

Appln. No. 10/777,278
Amdt, dated: October 4, 2004
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REMARKS

The examiner has rejected the claims as not reciting enough structure to be considered a pry bar consistent with what is being disclosed by the invention recited in the specification.

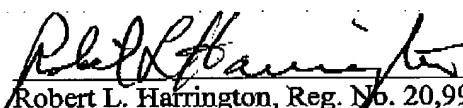
Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but in any event herein provides amendments to the specification and claims to resolve that issue.

In the claims, the preamble now recites a pry bar task assembly or a system for customizing a pry bar for differing pry bar tasks. The pry bar tasks is defined in the specification in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5. More specifically, a sentence has been added to that paragraph which recites: "Hereafter, such uses of such a pry bar is referred to as pry bar tasks."

The claims have been amended to recite further structure for performing such "pry bar tasks," including three interdependent components, including a fulcrum, a handle attached to the fulcrum that provides leverage, and a bar end that attaches to the fulcrum opposite the handle and provides the prying feature or function. The claimed assembly or system features' interchangeability of the handle and/or bar end portion for increased leverage and/or variable prying capabilities. Respectfully, the claims as amended are believed to provide the structure consistent with the disclosure and satisfies the criteria of MPEP 2164. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner determine that there are issues remaining unresolved, the undersigned requests a telephone interview for resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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